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Steve Stroud

TOWN OF CHINA GROVE

A regular meeting of the China Grove Town Council

Tuesday, May 7, 2019
7:00 p.m.

China Grove Town Hall
China Grove, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Withers called the regular meeting of May 7th, 2019 to order and recognized Troop 443 for attending the meeting. He asked Evan Miller and Alexander Maggard to led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Withers called roll. All council members were present with the exception of Mr. Seaford. There was a quorum.

The meeting started at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Mr. Linn amended the agenda with these changes:

New Business: add Item III) Set Public Hearing for FY 19-20 Budget

Mr. Linn made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Stroud seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda items:

- a) Approve Minutes from April 2nd, 2019 regular meeting
- b) Approve Audit Contract 18-19

Mr. Stroud made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Heggins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Withers recognized Rod Crider with the Rowan County EDC and thanked him bring businesses to Rowan County.

CITIZEN COMMENT
None

NEW BUSINESS

- I) Proclamation – Public Works Week

Mayor Withers stated the Public Works Department does a great job for the town and the residence. He stated 99% of the time they are doing all they can to improve the town. He thanked Mr. Ketner for his leadership and thanked the Public Works employees for their hard work. Mr. Phillips read the proclamation aloud.

- II) China Grove Stormwater Management Program

Mr. Gover stated the MS4 (Municipal System Stormwater Permit) is a permit that is issued by the state. He stated we have had a permit since 2007 and the ordinance was adopted in 2012. He stated the permits run in a five-year cycle. He stated our current permit is on a short cycle which last only three years. He stated this is due to our upcoming audit in 2020. He stated in 1969 the Cuyahoga River caught on fire because it was so polluted. He stated in 1970 the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) was established and in 1972 the Clean Water Act was established. He stated in 1990 Phase I National Stormwater Permit Program required cities with a population of 100,000 or more to regulate stormwater. He stated in 1999 Phase II required cities with a population less than 100,000 to regulate stormwater.

He stated sanitary sewer gets treated but what goes down the catch basin does not get treated. He stated pollution is caused by illicit dumping into the streams, creeks, and rivers. He stated only rain water is supposed to go down the catch basin. He stated our permit requires six minimum control measures. He stated the BMPs are Public Education and Outreach, Public Participation and Involvement, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, Construction Site Runoff Controls, Post-Construction Runoff Controls, and Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping. He stated we are part of the Regional Stormwater Partnership of the Carolinas. He stated they buy ad spaces, google click ads and host trainings and workshops to educate.

He stated there is an upcoming class on May 21st about responding to citizen complaints. He stated at the staff level we have created brochures, updating the website, and have a stormwater email address. He stated the state wants cities to have volunteer opportunities for residence. He stated he will be working with a local scout troop for an eagle scout project and in the future look at an adopt a stream, litter pick, and catch basin cleanup programs. He stated Illicit discharge detection is very important and needs to be reported. He passed out the illicit discharge brochure to the Council. He stated a requirement for Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination is mapping our system. He stated we have paper maps from 2012 that he is digitizing.

He stated Rowan County runs our erosion and sediment control program. He stated he is working with all facilities in town to create spill response programs for each facility and look at any polluters we have. He stated Mr. Ketner is certified in pesticide, herbicide and fertilizer and trains his department.

He stated Department of Environmental Quality will come to town and view all the records, how the program is managed, and will visit sites during the audit. He stated there are two levels of penalties, notice of violation and notice of deficiency. He stated a notice of deficiency means you are not doing enough; a notice of violation is you are ignoring it.

Mr. Linn stated he noticed in the brochure that the catch basins are marked. He asked if all drains in town have a marker. Mr. Gover stated not all drains have them but he will be working with a scout troop for an eagle scout project.

III) Set Public Hearing for the FY 19-20 Budget

Mr. Stroud made a motion to set the Public Hearing for the FY 19-20 Budget on June 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Mr. Heggins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

COUNCIL UPDATES

I) China Grove Elementary School Art Show

Mayor Withers stated the Town Hall will host an art show for the China Grove Elementary School on May 21st from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. He stated this could be a recurring event to showcase their art throughout the year.

II) Projects in Rowan County

Mayor Withers stated we are continuing to work on projects in the County and focusing on Southern Rowan County.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

I) Police Department

Chief Deal stated calls for service and accidents have gone down. He stated he would like to take the time to remember the fallen Officer Jordan Sheldon from Mooresville. He stated several of our officers knew him and have trained with him. He stated three officers participated in the procession from the medical examiner's office and several will attend the funeral on Friday. He stated National Police Week starts Monday, May 12th and runs until May 18th. He asked the Council and people of the Community to thank an officer for what they do.

II) Public Works

Mr. Ketner thanked the Council for the Proclamation for Public Works Week. He stated they have been working on patching some streets. He stated we are working on the parking space layout on Main Street.

III) Administration

Mr. Deal stated the holes have been drilled for the eagle and it will arrive tomorrow to be installed.

a) Event Coordinator

Ms. Price stated the Veterans Memorial Dedication will be held on May 17th from 9:00 to 11:00 am. She stated she has invited a lot of Veterans and everyone is excited about the Ceremony. She asked anyone with a golf cart to help shuttle those that can not walk. She stated 48 pavers were installed today. She stated the next event will be the Community Block party on June 1st from 5:00 – 8:00 pm.

IV) Fire Department

Chief Zimmerman stated calls are up from last month. He stated there were two overdose calls in town and two calls we assisted with. He stated we assisted with three working fires last month.

Mr. Stroud stated it is very admirable that all these department have showed their support to fallen Officer Jordan Sheldon. He stated Police Officers are asked to put their lives on the line every day. He stated if everyone would tell each other and their children you need to listen to an officer and respect them then things like this would not happen.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Stroud made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela L. Mills, CMC
Town Clerk

Lee Withers
Mayor